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AT CADDO AND MOORINGSPORT.

SHREVEPORT, LA., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Thirty-four drilling rigs were running in the Caddo district on January 15 as compared with 28 on December 31. Only one well was completed during the first two weeks of the month, Black Bayou 1 on the Alexander land near the south line of section 9-20-15 in the southeastern part of the field and just west of the same company's well on the Glassell land in the southwest corner of section 10. It is rated good for 125 barrels, natural. Two and a half miles northwest of Caddo City, the J. C. Trees Oil Company well on the Stiles land in the northwest quarter of section 27-21 16 was reported pumping 300 barrels of oil and 300 barrels of water on January 16. This well was drilled to the sand at 1060 feet by Brown Bros. last November and showed a heavy gas pressure and some oil. The Trees people put a standard rig on it. The well is cased to the sand with 8-inch. A line of 6-inch pipe, perforated at the bottom, was set in the sand, and the first day's pumping showed the result above stated. The Trees people have a block of leases comprising 3300 acres in this territory.

MOORINGSPORT.

Mooringsport continues as the main attraction in the Caddo district. No dope has been given out officially as to the capacity of the Gulf Refining Company's No. 2 on the Hostetter, but the talent is agreed that the well did not show for over 600 barrels at the start, and its present production is put at 325 to 350 barrels. A standard rig has been built on the well and it will be ready to pump whenever this becomes necessary.

Thirty-six cars of oil had been loaded at Mooringsport from the two Hostetter wells up to and including January 16. The quantity thus shipped was about 6000 barrels, indicating a daily average of 325 to 350 barrels for the eighteen days that the well had been producing. Perhaps 1000 barrels of this oil was from the old No. 1 well, which has been producing for eight months. A 1200-barrel tank of oil from the No. 1 was on the ground when No. 2 was drilled in. All of the oil is going to the Gulf refinery at Port Arthur. It is of superior grade, testing 40 or 41 degrees gravity, and containing considerable paraffine.

The W. B. McCormick well at Mooringsport, section 31-20-15, is down over 2000 feet, and has shown an abundance of gas. It is three quarters of a mile west of the Hostetter wells, and is an important test. McCormick and his associates have bought the pipe for a six and a quarter-inch gas line from the Caddo district to Marshall, Texas, 26 1-2 miles west of the field. The first ten miles of pipe is now being delivered at the Marshall end.

The Gulf Company is starting drilling operations on an extensive scale in the southern end of the Caddo district. On January 15 this company was drilling its No. 3 on the Hostetter, a location south of the No. 2, its No. 1 on the So Relle, southwest quarter of section 30-20-15, its No. 1 on the Mason, northeast quarter of section 31-20-15 and its No. 1 on the Nunnally in section 29-20-15. A rig was going in for No. 2 on the Mason, and a derrick was up for No. 1 on the Curtis land, southeast quarter of 19-20-15, just across Caddo lake to the north from the Hostetter. Timbers were also being unloaded for Gulf-Broussard 1 on the Pitts land, section 20-20-15, in the same territory as the Curtis.

The Gulf Company has a scrap in the courts on two pieces of Mooringsport land, both in section 31-20-15, across a half section south from the Hostetter wells. One of these, a 40-acre tract, the company claims by purchase from R. H. Ward, who filed on it under the timber and stone act. The Gulf people paid him $500 and placed $19,500 in escrow pending the granting of his patent. Kendall and Belcher filed on the land prior to Ward, under the mineral act, and built a derrick, which was demolished by the high water. When the Gulf people made their deal with Ward, Kendall and Belcher took possession, placed armed guards on the land and prepared for war. H. T. Staiti and E. F. Simms are reported to have a lease from Kendall and Belcher, and have shipped a rig in to Mooringsport to drill the land. The Gulf people built a barbed wire fence completely around the forty, on their own land, and about two feet from the lines of the disputed piece. Kendall and Belcher followed with a barbed wire fence inside the lines. The guards have been sleeping on the property in a tent, and their meals have been sent in to them.

Alvin Hardin is also tied up with the Gulf people, claiming they have taken possession of a part of his land in section 31. This dispute hinges on the accuracy of the survey made by the Gulf people as against Hardin's survey. All sorts of injunctions and counter actions have developed in the cases.

CADDO CITY.

The shallow sand developed in the Caddo Gas Oil Company 6 on the E. K. Smith land, southwest quarter section 1-20-16, directly south of the Caddo City townsite apparently is pretty much spotted. The Richardson well a few hundred feet to the west in the same section, the Heywood Oil Company well, less than 1000 feet west, in section 2, and the Lillie Oil Company's well, just across the section line south, in section 12, failed to get better than bare producers in the 1523-foot formation. The Richardson well is to be shot, as the sand is tight, and it is thought a dose of glycerin will loosen it up. The Heywood well is going deeper and on January 16 a good showing was developed at 1800 feet which will be tested. The Caddo Gas & Oil 6 choked up last week, but started again on the 16th. A standard rig has been built on the well and it will be pumped.

PINE ISLAND.

A gas line was laid from Lewis station to the Richardson well on the Patzman land, Pine Island, and with the gas in it the well is making 400 or 500 barrels. The Caddo Gas & Oil Company bought 100,000 barrels of production from Richardson, and is taking the production of this well. Gas will also be put into the Richardson well on the Etcheson and Mayfield land.

NOTES.

The Producers Oil Company has paid King Bros. $2500 for a half interest in the R. T. Cole leases, near Blanchard, and will drill the test well on this property to 1500 feet. King Bros. drilled it to about 1100 feet. The location is seven miles south of Mooringsport.

J. J. Whetsel of the Prairie Oil & Gas Company of Independence, Kan., and Messrs. Kincaid and Bennett of the pipe line and production departments of this company were in Shreveport and Caddo for a few day this month.

G. F. Mahan, manager of the National Supply Company of Kansas, with headquarters at Independence, Kan., spent three days at Shreveport and Caddo, going north on the 9th. Jules Kelly McCally is on the ground for the National Supply people at Shreveport and Caddo.

Norman W. Hendershot, the National's Texas and Louisiana manager, was with Mr. Mahan during his stay at Shreveport.

J. D. Lemex, manager of the Oil Well Supply Company's Gulf Coast business, is looking after his company's interests at Shreveport

Randall Silverman of Beaumont has leased from John Bemus 120 acres in the north half of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 18-19-15, Caddo district, on one eighth royalty, and has purchased the fee to 52 acres in section 9-18-14 from G. A. Winters.

McCann and Harper are drilling for the Busch-Everett Company in the southwest corner of section 30-20-14 at Dixie, and are rigging to drill on the Etcheson and Guy land, northeast quarter of section 11-20-16.

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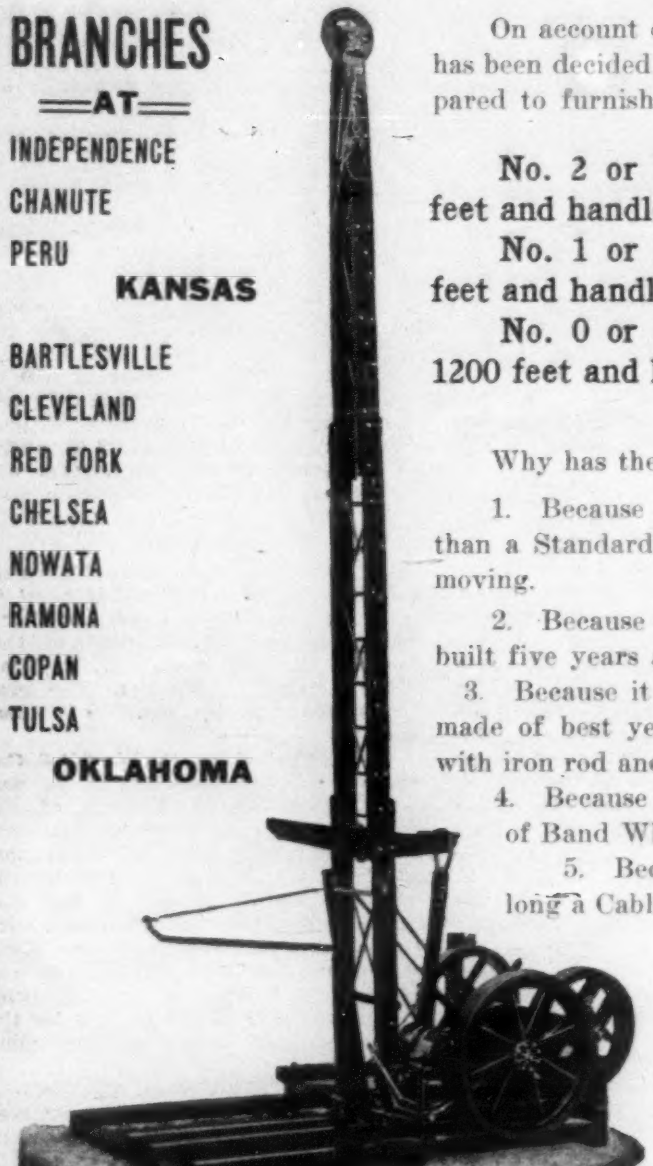

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SLIGHT DECLINE IN PIPE LINE RUNS.

Daily Average in Oklahoma During First Two Weeks of January, 115,188 Barrels, as Against 118,330 Barrels in Same Period Last Month—Deliveries Practically Unchanged—Prairie Increasing Runs From Delaware. Childers Shallow Sand District—Development Retarded by Bad Weather. Attorney General Files Another Suit Against Prairie, and Secretary Garfield Refuses to Modify Pipe Line Regulations—Looks Like the Proposed Trunk Line to New Orleans Will Be Hung Up.

OKLAHOMA PIPE LINE RUNS.

Prairie Oil & Gas Company.

	Dec. 1 to 14.	Jan. 1 to 14.
Runs	1,236,622	1,206,639
Daily average	88,330	86,188
Deliveries	949,666	989,308
Daily average	67,882	70,664
Tanked	286,956	217,331
Daily average	20,496	15,523

Gulf Pipe Line Company.

	Dec. 1 to 14.	Jan. 1 to 14.
Runs	203,000	182,000
Daily average	14,500	13,000
Deliveries	203,000	182,000
Daily average	14,500	13,000

The Texas Company.

	Dec. 1 to 14.	Jan. 1 to 14.
Runs	224,000	224,000
Daily average	16,000	16,000
Deliveries	224,000	224,000
Daily average	16,000	16,000

TULSA, OKLA., Jan. 16—(Special)—Pipe line runs of Oklahoma oil during the first two weeks of the month averaged 115,188 barrels a day as compared with 118,330 barrels in the corresponding period in December and 121,126 barrels in the same period in November. The Prairie's runs, including Kansas oil, averaged 86,188 barrels a day, The Texas Company's 16,000 barrels a day, and the Gulf Company's 13,000 barrels a day. Deliveries averaged 99,664 barrels a day as against 98,333 barrels a day in the same period in December. The Prairie tanked 15,523 barrels a day as against 20,496 barrels a day in December. The two Texas lines tanked no oil. Extreme cold weather has interfered with the operations of the pipe line people.

CHEROKEE SHALLOW SAND.

The cold weather during the past week has greatly retarded work in the shallow field, and will materially decrease the completions for the current month. There are now about forty machines running in the Delaware-Childers field, and perhaps an equal number in the lower portion of the shallow field. The Prairie Oil & Gas Company has increased its runs from the Delaware-Childers field to 20,000 barrels a day. The runs from this field last month averaged about 15,000 barrels a day.

The two most important wells finished recently are the Gunsburg-Forman well on the Benjamin Robbins allotment in the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 28-27-16 and the Southern Oil Company's well in the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 27-27-16, both being good producers. It looks as if these two wells might lead into a spur of considerable extent to the north of the Delaware field. The Iron Mountain Oil Company completed a dry hole on the Waldo Alwell allotment in the southwest corner of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 29-27-16. So many dry holes have been drilled to the north and west of the Delaware-Childers development, that it would seem the limits of this pool have about been defined.

The Cherokee pipe line from Alluwe south to Chelsea is completed and a loading rack is now being built on the Frisco at Chelsea, to be used in loading out oil for the Texas City refinery at Texas City, Texas. Shipments are expected to begin about February 1.

The Cudahy, line to be constructed from Coffeyville, Kansas, to Alluwe, is completed as far as Delaware, a distance of eighteen miles. Pipe for the remainder of the distance is now strung.

J. R. Greenlees of the Alluwe Oil Company, is also constructing a three-inch line to Coffeyville. The Alluwe Oil Company has been shipping out of Delaware by tank cars an average of 350 barrels a day for the past month.

NORTH GLENN EXTENSION.

Development in the North Glenn extension continues to make favorable progress. The well of the Volunteer Oil Company, A. P. McBride and others, on the Ellis Bruner tract in section 29, which started off at 1,500 barrels after a shot, has settled down to 500 barrels steady. Two other new wells that are making records are the Reese-Delaney well on the Eldridge land in 18-18-12, and the Orient No. 2 in the southwest quarter of section 29. Another new well of importance is that of Steel and Markham, on the Eldridge, south half of the southwest quarter of section 18-18-12. It is good for 100 barrels. Perhaps the most important event of the week in this field was the bringing in of the Taneha Oil Company's No. 2 on the Paul Land allotment in section 1. The location for this well is 1,500 feet east of the No. 1, and that much nearer the line of the Frisco railroad. The derrick is but a short distance from the track. Here the sand was found at 1,700 feet, the same depth as that in the No. 1. The drill was sent 15 feet in the sand, when the well made several fine flows. Drilling in has not been completed at this writing, but the signs all point to a much better well than the No. 1. The bringing in of two wells at Taneha makes it reasonably certain that the north extension of the Glenn field goes that far, if not farther, and if so, several sections in addition to those already named, are to be added to the new producing territory.

BIRD CREEK.

Bad weather has had its effect in the Bird Creek field as in every other district in the entire Mid-Continent region. Little or nothing has been done for a week. Many locations have been made, and with the return of favorable weather there will be greater activity than has been seen at any other time. The Texas Company commenced laying its six-inch line from Lefeber to Bird Creek on Friday, January 15. The Arkansas river is rising and may cause some delay in crossing that stream. It is expected, however, that the line will be completed and ready for business on or about February 1. Down in the Flatrock end of the field there has been only a short halt in steel tank construction, due to the bad weather. The Alpine Oil Company has its fourth 55,000-barrel tank about completed, and the material on the ground for the sixth tank of the same capacity. The Highland Oil Company has its first 55,000-barrel steel tank about ready for use and will now resume drilling. The Los Angeles-Cherokee Oil Company will resume drilling operations, and it is reported this company will also erect some steel tanks. The Prairie Oil and Gas Company is taking about one-fourth of the production of the Flatrock district.

MUSKOGEE.

There have been some interesting developments in the last week in the shallow, high-grade territory at Muskogee. Argue, Compton and Reddick appear to have a very good well in their third venture on the Atkins, southeast quarter of section 32-15-18. It made 100 barrels at the start, and is holding up. This, it will be remembered, is an offset to the Harmon-Schoenfelt No. 1. As it is now there are four producing wells in a bunch—the Coody No. 2, the Harmon-Schoenfelt No. 1 and the Argue, Compton and Reddick No. 1 and No. 2. The Harmon-Schoenfelt No. 2, a little to the east, is a light pumper. In an effort to find an extension of the pool several dry holes have been drilled. Harmon and Schoenfelt drilled one directly north of their two producing wells, and a little to the west of this Kerr and others drilled another dry hole. Then still farther to the west Smith and others have just brought in another dry hole. This appears to cut off any extension to the north or northwest. Charles A. Weil and others are drilling a little south of west from the bunch of good wells, and this will be closely watched, as it will settle the question as to whether the pool ex-

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tends in that direction. Farther west than the Weil test are two gas wells, one of which is a heavy producer. Another chance is for the pool to extend to the southeast. To test this theory Argue and Compton are drilling on the Crabtree, northeast quarter of section 3-14-18. In their first venture they got a crooked hole. They moved the rig and started a new hole, and now they have a fishing job.

BALD HILL.

Conditions are much improved at Bald Hill. At one time a large share of the production was rejected by the Prairie Oil & Gas Company owing to the condition of the oil as a result of its being cut by water and gas. Operators are learning how to treat their oil and everything is running smoothly, except with one company which is yet having much trouble. The Prairie Oil & Gas Company is preparing to install a gravity system. It will be located on the southwest quarter of section 12-14-14, near the junction of the creeks in that vicinity.

MORRIS.

It looks as if the Gypsy Oil Company will get a good well in section 35-13-13, Morris district. In section 34, adjoining 35 on the west, the Hill Oil Company's well that came in some time ago for a thousand barels or more is now making about 400 barrels through a two inch flow line. This cramps the well somewhat and if it could flow its normal capacity it would make 700 barrels. The company is unable to dispose of the oil and this is its reason for limiting the output. All tanks and a ground reservoir on the property are full.

ANOTHER VISIT TO SECRETARY GARFIELD.

What is called the Washington Committee of the Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Producers Association has been interviewing Secretary Garfield on the pipe line question, apparently with not very satisfactory results. The committee is composed of George C. Priestly of Bartlesville, D. C. Connolly and W. S. Mowris of Tulsa. J. W. Zevelly of Muskogee, and W. L. Parmenter of Lima, Ohio. Mr. Priestly is the chairman. The committee was accompanied by N. V. V. Franchot, president of the Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Producers Association, and W. H. Johnson, vice-president. The plea made by the committee to the secretary is one made to him several times before—that is, for certain modifications of the interior department regulations as to pipe lines crossing Indian lands, especially as to specifications touching the common carrier duties of pipe lines. Although the plea of the committee has not been on behalf of any named pipe line, it relates wholly, or chiefly, at least, to the proposed construction of a trunk line by the Prairie Oil & Gas Company to New Orleans. The secretary is apparently firm in his refusal to make any material change in the regulations, and it is hardly probable that another application will be made to him to do so, during the short period he is to remain in office. Just what effect his refusal will have on the plans of the Prairie Oil & Gas Company it is too early to say. It may be that the Prairie will not build the New Orleans line at once, but even in such event, there is hardly justification for the lugubrious view of the situation that some people would take of it. One report is that the New Orleans line will be built as far north as the Caddo field in Northwestern Louisiana, and there await a more favorable opportunity to come into the Oklahoma fields.

DERRICK SAYS NEW ORLEANS LINE IS ABANDONED.

H. L. Wood, Mid-Continent representative of the Oil City Derrick, writing of the refusal of Secretary Garfield to modify the interior department's pipe line regulations, applying to Indian lands, says in the Derrick of January 15: "The result of the government's refusal of the producers' requests is the abandonment of the line to New Orleans by the Prairie Oil & Gas Company." No official statement as to the Prairie's intentions has been noted. Several newspapers have published a story to the effect that on account of the attitude of Secretary Garfield the Standard will content itself with a line from Caddo, La., to New Orleans.

SOME GLENN FIELD STATISTICS.

The Texas Company increased its pumpings at Kiefer station in December to about 16,435 barrels a day. This was done by decreasing the pumpings from the Bald Hill field. There is a considerable increase in the amount of fuel oil being shipped

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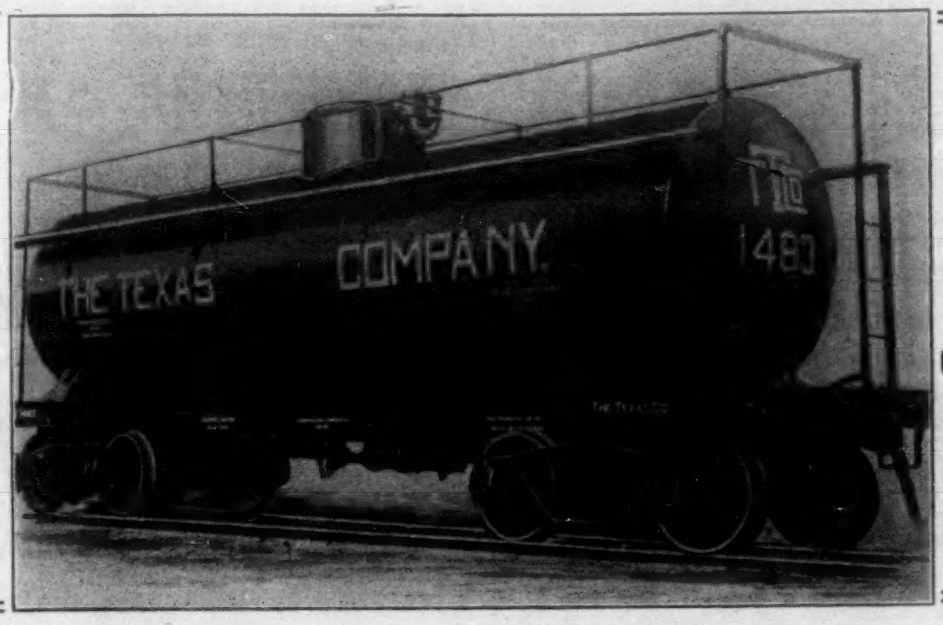

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from the Glenn field. The December shipments amounted to 1,944 barrels a day. During December the Prairie Oil & Gas Company completed and filled five 35,000-barrel steel tanks at Jenks. This includes two tanks to take the place of two destroyed by fire last September. All tank locations at the Jenks farm has been filled and construction will cease there. During the month of December, the Prairie Oil & Gas Company took over three 55,000-barrel steel tanks filled with oil in the Glenn field. There were 1,428 producing wells in the Glenn field, including the north extension, at the close of December with an average production of 37 barrels per well. This is two barrels per well more than the average for November. The daily production for the month of December was 52,736 barrels, an increase of 3,614 barrels over November. In other words, the field produced more than 100,000 barrels more oil in December than in November. This is, of course, partly due to the increasing output of the north extension.

WEST BREAKS LOOSE AGAIN.

Attorney General West has treated the oil community to another sensation by bringing action in the district court at Guthrie under the Oklahoma anti-trust law against the Standard Oil Company, the National Transit Company and the Prairie Oil & Gas Company. He asks that the officers of these companies be subpoenaed for a hearing and that subpoenaes be prepared for certain other persons unknown. The action is declared to be preliminary to a suit for ouster against the three companies named. In other words West proposes to make the same move against the Standard Oil Company in Oklahoma that Governor Hadley, while attorney general of Missouri, made against the Standard Oil Company in that state. West's action under the circumstances is something of a puzzle. It is reported that he has proceeded without consulting Governor Haskell. If so he would appear to be in direct conflict with the ruling of the Oklahoma supreme court in the case lately decided by that body involving the respective spheres of governor and attorney general. The unanimous opinion of the court was that the attorney general had no right to bring an action in the district court without the specific direction of the governor. This ruling had the effect

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of stopping the suit that West had previously started against the Prairie Oil & Gas Company. To attempt another action of precisely the same kind so far as legal procedure is concerned would look like an absurdity. Governor Haskell has not yet given any sign as to what he thinks of the action for ouster and there is much curiosity to know if there is to be another conflict of authority. In the meantime the oil business gets another severe jolt. It is not believed here the suit in the end will amount to much, but it serves to unsettle things. Oklahoma needs every possible facility for taking care of her great oil product. The state needs all the pipe lines it has and more, too. This constant official nagging is demoralizing and discouraging.

INTERESTING OIL TAX QUESTION.

Under act of the Oklahoma legislature of May 26, 1908, taxes on oil properties must be paid by January 31, 1909; otherwise, a penalty is imposed. For this reason, companies, as a rule, are preparing to pay their taxes sometime in this month. There is, as was expected, a good deal of kicking. The most presistent kick is on paying tax on the royalties. According to the ruling of Attorney General West the producer must pay the taxes on his entire production. In a circular to producers, explanatory of the position of himself and state treasurer on the subject State Auditor Trapp says:

"According to an opinion from the office of the attorney general, the statement of production of mineral, oil or gas, among other things must show 'the gross amount thereof produced' and that only the producer 'is engaged in the production.' Therefore, it devolves upon the producer to include in this statement, the entire production regardless of royalties or the interest any other person may have in same. This act further provides that said producer shall, at the same time of making this statement, pay to the state treasurer, a gross revenue tax equal to a specific percentum of the gross receipts of certain minerals, oil and natural gas, which 'gross receipts' are the total production of such mineral, oil or gas. Therefore, I will look to the actual producer, as stated in this act, to make a statement of the total production of such mineral, oil and gas as required in this act, and for the payment of the gross revenue tax as therein provided."

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owners of the land upon which the oil was developed. Just why the owner of a royalty should be exempt from taxation and just why his taxes should be paid by somebody else, is the question of the hour among producers.

The Henson Oil Company of Bartlesville, has brought suit against State Auditor Trapp and State Treasurer Menefee, in order to test the constitutionality of this ruling. It is believed among good lawyers that the ruling will not stand and that as soon as the matter gets to the supreme court it will be knocked into a cocked hat. Those producers who are paying their taxes are paying them under protest and there is a good chance that the proportion standing for royalties will be returned to them.

SOME ENCOURAGING INDICATIONS.

With the opening of the year 1909, there is certainly a more hopeful outlook for the Mid-Continent field than there was at the beginning of 1908. A year ago the country was in the throes of one of the severest monetary depressions known to its history. The oil business was in sympathy with everything else and it suffered from the prevailing gloom. This was especially noticeable in the amount of capital there was offering for investment in oil properties of a producing character. In that respect there has been a most happy change for the better. Accompanying the general business rebound which has taken place, there comes abundant capital for the development of new oil fields. It is safe to say there has never before been a time when there was so much capital ready to come into the Mid-Continent field. This, too, in the face of temporary over-production.

But if there is an over-production here, there is a noticeable decline in the older fields of the East that must soon have a favorable reaction here. There is nothing in the situation in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana or Kentucky upon which to base any expectation of increased production. Most probably the decline will continue in these fields, causing a still greater depletion of stocks.

In Illinois, where so much was expected in the way of continued heavy production, there have recently been some severe disappointments. Of the

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278 wells drilled in December, 1908, 52 were dry and the new production was only 6,607 barrels. Of the 334 wells drilled in December, 1907, there were only 39 dry holes, and the new production was nearly 9,000 barrels. The total new production in the Illinois field in 1907 was 139,183 barrels. In 1908 it fell to 79,338 barrels. This is a decline of 59,845 barrels. With but little new production coming in, the decline in the output must be rapid and it will not be long until the pipe lines are absorbing everything in sight and looking for more.

NOTES.

There was a radical change in the weather in the early part of January, two blizzards coming along in quick succession. The second one came Sunday, the 10th and it was wild and woolly in its ferocity. The temperature went down close to zero and on Monday a heavy snow fell with a swift and cutting wind. Water pipes were frozen in all the fields, and there was a heavy decline in the production of wells. Rig building had to be suspended altogether.

The Coody Oil Company has suspended operations on its test well in the southwest quarter of section 19-15-15, three miles east of Bald Hill production. It was proposed to drill deeper with the hope of finding a stronger flow of oil, but the bull wheel broke down and as the weather became very unfavorable for field work it was determined to stop until a more favorable opportunity.

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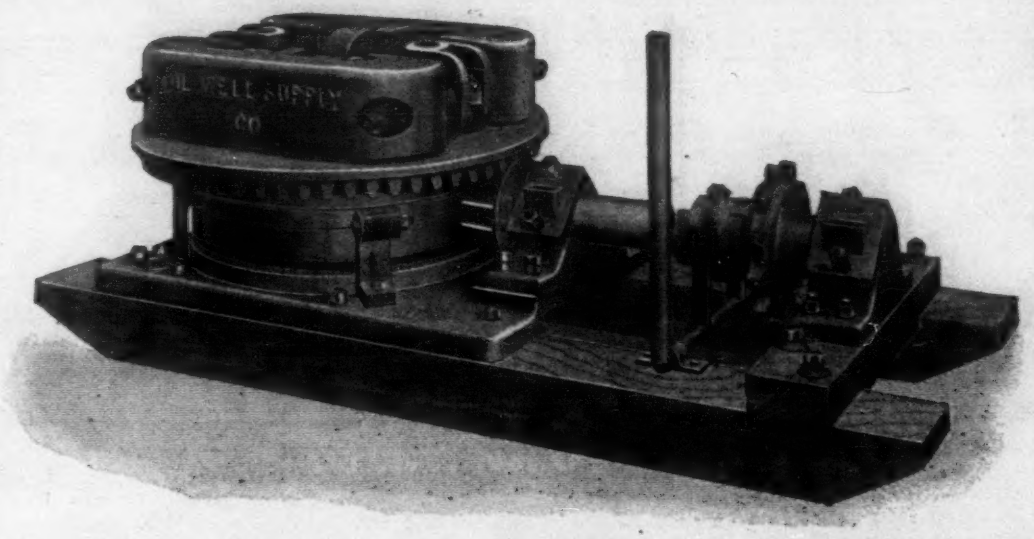

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Since the purchase of the Best Oil Company's property in the Glenn field by the Holland people, much new equipment has been added, and the production has been increased from about 1,000 barrels to 1,600 barrels a day. It is the expectation of President Crosbie to increase the production still more.

The Hamill well on Lot 115, Osage, is being drilled deeper. The oil that was developed at the depth of something more than 1,200 feet and considerable water in it and Mr. Hamill believes he will get a better sand lower down. N. L. Josey of San Antonio, one of Mr. Hamill's associates, has been here several days.

The Mooney Oil and Gas Company has brought in a second gasser in the Concharty Hills north of Bald Hill. It is on the Allan Grayson land, southwest quarter of section 15-16-14, and developed 9,000,000 cubic feet of gas. This well is half a mile southwest of the first gasser. The company will drill deeper hoping to find oil.

Fred Mizener is about ready to commence drilling his test in the northwest corner of section 11-19-14, ten miles east of Tulsa. This is just half a mile northwest of the Wright and Bonacker well, which continues to

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By a decision of the Oklahoma supreme court just made, liquor for family use can be shipped into Oklahoma under the interstate commerce regulations. This has caused a tremendous rise in the importance of the family. Many a man supposed to be in the enjoyment of single cussedness, if judged by the libera' shipments of bottled goods consigned to him, must be the happy possessor of a large and interesting family, the members of which he has neglected so far to introduce to his friends.

The latest information from Washington is that the committee of the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Producers Association, which went on there to interview Secretary Garfield to secure modifications of pipe line regulations, finally had a positive and irrevocable refusal, and departed for their respective homes Friday, January 15. This, then, is the end of the matter for the present at least.

One interpretation placed upon the action of Attorney General West in starting another proceeding against the Prairie Oil and Gas Company for ouster in Oklahoma is that West is making a move to put Governor Haskell in a hole. He does not believe Haskell will dare to stop the suit, as he would have a right to do under the decision of the Oklahoma supreme court, because it would subject him to the charge, by his enemies, of favoring the Standard Oil Company. In any case it looks like a game of politics.

At a meeting of the Okmulgee Refining Company, held at Okmulgee Wednesday, January 13, the following board of directors for the year was elected: W. T. Todd and D. N. Sanctuary, of the Texas Refining Company; O. A. Lambert, George Mitchell, E. A. Andrews, L. De Steginer and Dr. L. S. Skelton. Officers will be elected at a later meeting. The plant of the company is being enlarged and when all improvements are completed the capacity will be about three times what it was at the beginning.

Peter Hanraty, state mine inspector of Oklahoma, has made his first annual report, in which he says that in a period of eleven and one-half months there were produced in the state 50,455,628 barrels of crude petroleum, worth $20,688,756. The excise tax on this amounts to $193,443.78. He estimates the production of natural gas for the same period at 140,000,000,000 cubic feet, but gives no estimate of its value, further than to say the state excise tax would amount to 700,000,000 cubic feet.

The Taft Oil Company, owned by Page and Roth, is commencing a well on the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 19-18-12.

The Oklahoma legislature met January 5, and elected Ben Wilson speaker of the house. Just what significance attaches to his election it is, perhaps, too early to say. There seem to be two views of Wilson. One is that he is conservative and opposed to the radical policy that prevailed in the legislature last winter through the leadership of Ex-Speaker Bill Murray. Another is that he is a "a hayseed" of the "hayseeds," and that, having come from the state of Arkansas, he inherits his political ideas from that commonwealth. However, that may be it appears up to date that Governor Haskell is very much in control of the legislature. It now looks as if he is in the saddle.

T. M. Galey, son of Samuel Galey of Pennsylvania, has come to Tulsa to make his home and will engage in the oil business.

R. S. Gray, of the producing firm of Kahle Bros. and Gray, Oil City, Pa., is in Tulsa, shaking hands with old friends and taking a look at things.

John Galloway, of Pittsburg, associated with Roger Kemp of the Quaker Oil Company and the Jennings interests in the Cherokee shallow field, has arrived in Tulsa and will visit the adjacent fields.

Fred King of Findlay, Ohio, and E. O. Evans, of Oil City, Pa., have arrived here to examine the Oklahoma fields. They recently cleaned up about $200,000 by the sale of some fine properties in the Illinois fields.

Jimmie Snowden, of Oil City, Pa., is here looking for investments. He is a member of the firm of Snowden Bros. and McSweeney, owning very valuable properties in Lawrence county, Illinois. They were recently offered $1,000,000 for this property, but refused it.

Frank Williams, of Lima, Ohio, is here. He has long been interested in the well-known producing firm of Roth, Argue and Maire.

Phil Roth, a well-known operator from Buffalo, N. Y., member of the firm of Roth, Argue & Maire, is in Oklahoma looking over his holdings.

The McBride well recently brought in on the Ellis Brunner land, north half of the southeast quarter of the north-

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west quarter of section 29-18-12 North Glenn extension for 1,500 barrels continues to make a big showing. A. P. McBride of Independence, Kansas, is here operating as the Volunteer Oil Company. Robert Jordan of Muskogee, is interested in the company and is its secretary.

The Orient Oil Company owned by the Letchers has brought in another fine well on the Marshall land, southwest quarter of section 29-18-12 North Glenn extension. It made 500 barrels after a shot and is quite as good as the first well on this land, which attracted so much attention last fall. Section 29 seems to be very prolific ground.

The Gulf Pipe Line Company's Gypsy Oil Company found all formations dry on the Burnett land, southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of 24-18-11 North Glenn extension, and just north of the Sapulpa refinery, but concluded to go deeper and will go as far as 2,500 feet if necessary.

Friends of J. S. Glenn, who has been at Hot Springs some time for his health, will regret to learn that he is not so well. His illness dates from early last summer when he took a severe cold while traveling with his family on the northern lakes.

C. B. Farquharson of the Standard Boiler and Plate Iron Works of Tulsa, lately returned from Houston and other Texas points. His company is erecting a 55,000-barrel steel tank for the Southern Pacific Company at Sanderson, Texas, and a 30,000-barrel steel tank for the same company at Langtry, Texas, and is also erecting some steel tanks for the Okmulgee refinery, which is enlarging its plant to a capacity of 1,000 barrels a day.

C. D. Reeves formerly a well known operator in the Texas fields was here a short time ago on his way to Madill, Okla., where he will do some drilling. Mr. Reeves has 30 acres just south of the latest and best well brought in there. He has altogether something more than 300 acres under lease. He believes the Madill field has a future. Madill is in Marshall county, near the Texas state line.

About eight miles northeast of Bartlesville, the National Oil and Development Company recently brought in a 200-barrel well in the regular Bartlesville deep sand that attracted a good deal of attention. It is on an eighty-acre tract in section 11-27-13. Three light wells had been brought in on the west side of the eighty. The Sagamore Oil & Gas Company brought in a 100-barrel well over close to the north and east line when the National Oil and Development Company drilled an offset, going to the deep sand with the result named.

Edmund B. Kirby, a well known mining engineer of St. Louis, who has had extensive experience in Colorado and British Columbia, has been making a visit to the Oklahoma oil fields. While he was at Tulsa he went to the Glenn field and to the north extension of that field and made a careful study of equipment and development. While at Rossland, B. C., some years ago Mr. Kirby had charge of a group of the largest mines there. More recently he has been in the employ of the Guggenheims and in charge of their extensive lead properties in Missouri.

J. R. R.

RECEIVERS TO SELL PROPERTY.

All the property of the Richardson Gay Oil Company, of Corsicana, Tex., comprising warehouse, grease plant machinery, trade marks, formulas, stations in Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma, will be sold by Receivers J. L. Roxburgh and W. E. Elliott, under order of court. Sealed bids, accompanied by 10 per cent as a guarantee of good faith must be submitted to the receivers before noon on January 31, at Corsicana.

The Southern Well Works Company of Beaumont, has shipped a complete rotary drilling outfit to Aguascalientes, Mexico, near which place a test will be drilled for oil. Carlos Morfin, Antonio Morfin Vargas and Bruno Newman of Aguascalientes, who are behind the project, were in Beaumont on January 8 and 9, for the purpose of buying the necessary machinery.

RECEIVERS' SALE--Richardson Gay Oil Co.

By virtue of a decree of the District Court of Navarro County, Texas, of record in Volume U, Page 243 of the minutes of said Court, We, the undersigned, Joint Receivers of the Richardson Gay Oil Co., of Corsicana, Texas, offer for sale to the highest and best bidder for cash, its entire properties as a whole or in part, including Warehouse and Grease Plant Machinery, Trade Marks, Formulas, etc., Stations in Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma, less merchandise sold in the usual course of business since Inventory Oct. 31, 1908.

Sealed bids, accompanied by a deposit of 10 per cent, as a guarantee of good faith, will be received until 12 m., January 31st, 1909, at the office of the Receivers in the Hardy, Peck & Peck building in Corsicana, Texas. The right being reserved to reject any and all bids. Inventory October 31st, 1908, on file in the office of the District Clerk in Corsicana, Texas. Information furnished on application to

JAS. L. ROXBURGH and W. E. ELLIOTT,
Joint Receivers,
Corsicana, Texas.

GENERAL PIPE LINE STATISTICS

(Twelve Months, 1908.)

In the Annual Statistical Number of the Oil Investors' Journal, to be issued February 6, revised and corrected figures, based on the actual records of runs and other items, will be substituted for the estimates appearing in certain of the tables given herewith on this page. At the same time comparisons will be made between the records of 1908 and 1907, and tables will be presented showing the production of the principal oil regions up to the present year.

MID-CONTINENT REGION.

PRAIRIE OIL AND GAS COMPANY.

Runs.

1908.	Total Bbls.	Daily Avg.
January	2,914,843.19	94,027.20
February	2,773,592.27	95,641.11
March	2,985,696.98	96,312.81
April	2,979,844.45	99,328.15
May	2,487,425.95	80,239.55
June	2,395,325.78	79,844.19
July	2,950,757.12	95,185.71
August	2,858,651.27	92,214.56
September	2,674,264.06	89,142.14
October	2,773,995.55	89,483.73
November	2,620,725.31	87,357.51
December	2,851,160.55	91,972.92
Total	33,265,282.48	

Deliveries.

January	2,332,098.07	75,228.97
February	2,005,284.75	69,147.75
March	1,994,992.29	64,354.29
April	1,941,283.80	64,709.46
May	1,987,441.31	64,111.01
June	2,162,764.80	72,092.16
July	2,326,523.96	75,049.16
August	2,353,609.28	75,922.88
September	2,405,831.40	80,194.38
October	2,297,332.81	74,107.51
November	2,310,282.30	77,009.41
December	2,166,578.58	69,889.63
Total	26,284,023.35	

Tanked.

January	582,745.12	18,798.23
February	768,307.52	26,493.36
March	990,704.69	31,958.22
April	1,038,560.65	34,618.69
May	499,984.64	16,128.54
June	232,560.98	7,752.03
July	624,233.16	20,136.55
September	268,432.66	8,947.76
October	476,662.74	15,376.22
November	310,443.01	10,348.10
December	684,581.97	22,083.29
Total	6,982,259.13	

Stocks.

February 1	32,569,215.29
April 1	34,555,351.62
March 1	33,352,054.29
May 1	35,739,398.64
June 1	36,325,501.64
July 1	36,662,436.00
August 1	37,314,203.91
September 1	37,854,731.32
October 1	37,997,483.82
November 1	38,243,027.10
December 1	38,397,580.00
January 1	38,959,233.12

GULF PIPE LINE COMPANY.

(Estimated.)

Runs.

January	558,000	18,000
February	533,600	18,400
March	620,000	20,000
April	546,000	18,200
May	461,900	14,900
June	240,000	8,000
July	381,300	12,300
August	375,000	12,097
September	435,000	14,500
October	558,000	18,000
November	480,000	16,000
December	449,500	14,500
Total	5,638,300	

Deliveries.

January	387,500	12,500
February	437,900	15,100
March	496,000	16,000
April	390,000	13,000
May	325,000	10,484
June	126,000	4,200
July	434,000	14,000
August	450,000	14,516
September	450,000	15,000
October	465,000	15,000
November	435,000	14,500
December	449,500	14,500
Total	4,845,900	

Tanked.

January	170,500	5,500
February	95,700	3,300
March	124,000	4,000
April	156,000	5,200
May	136,900	4,416
June	114,000	3,800
October	93,000	3,000
November	45,000	1,500
Total	4,396,400	
Total	935,100	

*Oklahoma Stocks.

January 1 4,838,000

*Does not include Oklahoma crude stored in Texas.

THE TEXAS COMPANY.

(Estimated.)

Runs.

January	465,000	15,000
February	464,000	16,000
March	465,000	15,000
April	450,000	15,000
May	372,000	12,000
June	150,000	5,000
July	527,000	17,000
August	496,000	16,000
September	510,000	17,000
October	496,000	16,000
November	480,000	16,000
December	496,000	16,000
Total	5,371,000	

Deliveries.

January	465,000	15,000
February	464,000	16,000
March	465,000	15,000
April	450,000	15,000
May	315,000	10,161
June	.....	.....
July	527,000	17,000
August	527,000	17,000
September	510,000	17,000
October	496,000	16,000
November	480,000	16,000
December	496,000	16,000
Total	5,195,000	

Tanked.

May	57,000	1,839
June	150,000	5,000
Total	207,000	

No oil tanked by this company in Oklahoma since June.

*Oklahoma Stocks.

January 1 1,500,000

*Does not include Oklahoma crude stored in Texas.

RECAPITULATION OF MID-CONTINENT REGION.

All Pipe Line Runs.

January	3,937,843.19	127,027.20
February	3,771,192.27	130,041.11
March	4,070,696.98	131,312.81
April	3,975,844.45	132,528.15
May	3,321,325.95	107,139.55
June	2,785,325.78	92,844.19
July	3,859,057.12	124,485.71
August	3,729,651.27	120,311.56
September	3,619,264.06	120,142.14
October	3,727,995.55	123,483.73
November	3,580,725.31	119,357.51
December	3,796,660.55	122,472.92
Total	44,175,582.48	

Deliveries.

January	3,184,598.07	102,728.97
February	2,907,184.75	100,247.75
March	2,955,992.29	95,354.29
April	2,781,283.80	92,709.46
May	2,627,441.31	84,756.01
June	2,288,764.80	76,292.16
July	3,287,523.96	106,049.16
August	3,330,609.28	107,438.88
September	3,365,831.40	112,194.38
October	3,258,332.81	105,107.51
November	3,225,282.30	107,509.41
December	3,112,078.58	100,389.63
Total	36,324,923.35	

Tanked.

January	753,245.12	24,298.23
February	864,007.52	29,793.36
March	1,114,704.69	35,958.22
April	1,194,560.65	39,818.69
May	693,884.64	22,383.54
June	496,560.98	16,552.03
July	624,233.16	20,136.55
August	505,041.99	16,291.68
September	268,432.66	8,947.76
October	569,662.74	18,376.22
November	355,443.01	11,848.10
December	684,581.97	22,083.29
Total	8,124,359.13	

MID-CONTINENT STOCKS JAN. 1.

	Barrels.
Prairie O. & G. Co.	38,959,233
*Gulf P. L. Co. (Est)	4,838,000
*The Texas Company (Est.)	1,500,000
In producers' tanks (Est.)	6,800,000
Total	52,097,233

*Does not include Oklahoma crude stored in Texas.

GULF COAST REGION.

(Estimated.)

Production.

1908.	Total Bbls.	Daily Avg.
January	1,479,950	47,740
February	1,497,950	51,653
March	1,663,980	53,677
April	1,475,600	49,187
May	1,395,200	45,006
June	1,294,500	43,150
July	1,273,500	41,080
August	1,350,400	43,560
September	1,334,550	44,485
October	1,395,840	45,027
November	1,437,050	47,902
December	1,308,330	42,204
Total	15,906,850	

Consumption.

January	1,192,791	38,477
February	977,113	33,694
March	949,814	30,640
April	905,143	30,171
May	1,026,266	33,105
June	904,446	30,148
July	1,400,856	45,189
August	1,417,226	45,717
September	1,395,740	46,525
October	1,359,424	43,852
November	1,378,365	45,945
December	1,270,557	40,985
Total	14,177,741	

Stocks.

January 1 3,225,764

ILLINOIS REGION.

1908.	Runs.	Shipments.
January	2,497,354.21	77,936.36
February	2,464,914.17	230,336.22
March	2,591,911.33	303,318.31
April	3,089,417.23	216,938.31
May	3,084,815.94	306,900.83
June	2,965,786.03	312,050.84
July	2,579,977.26	227,848.19
August	2,690,931.05	222,106.88
September	2,555,871.53	228,244.17
October	2,582,561.09	217,815.12
November	2,356,385.48	238,036.32
*December	2,512,704.66	252,607.02
Totals	31,972,629.98	2,834,138.66

*Other receipts, 212,473.49 bbls.
*Other deliveries, 2,011,401.92.
*Daily average runs from wells, 81,-054.99 bbls.

Stocks.

1908.	Barrels
January 1	12,610,618.11
February 1	14,053,277.39
March 1	15,010,751.96
April 1	15,848,970.90
May 1	17,325,277.94
June 1	18,944,277.72
July 1	20,352,880.67
August 1	20,760,017.88
September 1	22,292,043.43
October 1	23,533,127.26
November 1	24,504,244.48
December 1	24,930,030.89
January 1	25,323,611.97

PENNSYLVANIA-LIMA-KENTUCKY.

Runs.

1908.	Total Bbls.	Daily Avg.
January	2,533,716.21	21,732.78
February	2,333,342.23	80,460.07
March	2,611,812.17	84,252.00
April	2,583,085.20	86,102.84
May	2,637,988.98	85,096.41
June	2,675,864.64	89,195.49
July	2,665,287.88	85,977.03
August	2,556,277.74	82,460.57
September	2,568,537.79	85,617.92
November	2,358,780.12	78,626.00
December	2,632,345.75	84,914.38
Total	30,698,211.97	

THE CRUDE PETROLEUM MARKET

Quotations on Credit Balances as Posted by the Pipe Lines.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS AND LOUISIANA.

Sun Company.

	Sept 4	Sept 8	Oct 13	Nov 12	Dec 10	Dec 26
Spindletop	.50	50	57	56	56	60
Sour Lake	.48	48	55	54	54	54
Batson	.48	48	55	54	53	53
Saratoga	.44	48	55	54	53	53
Humble	.50	50	57	56	54	54
Dayton	.39	44	51	50	50	50

All oil run on the basis of 60 degrees F. temperature.

Gulf Pipe Line Company.

	Aug 4	Sept 7	Oct 7	Oct 12	Nov 10	Dec 5
Spindletop	.50	50	55	57	55	55
Sour Lake	.48	48	53	55	53	53
Saratoga	.44	48	53	55	53	53
Batson	.48	48	53	55	53	53
Humble	.50	50	55	57	55	53

The Texas Company.

Credit balance quotations suspended by this company June 8. Following are postings up to that date:

District	Feb. 4	Mch. 13	Mch. 30	Apr. 20	May 11	May 30
Sour Lake	.75	72	70	68	65	62
Saratoga	.71	71	66	64	61	58
Humble	.73	70	68	65	62	60
Jennings	.70	67	64	60	57	54
Shrevep't	.70	67	64	58	55	52

Above prices do not include loading, storage or other charges on oil shipped by tank car.

Oil Producers Marketing Co.

Credit balance prices posted at Beaumont effective October 1 and until further notice:

Batson, Sun line	54 cents
Batson, Gulf line	55 cents
Saratoga, Sun line	54 cents
Saratoga, Gulf and Texas	55 cents
Sour Lake	57 cents
Spindletop	57 cents
Humble	57 cents

NORTH TEXAS.

Navarro Refining Company.

	June 10	June 13	Oct 15
Corsicana, light	.72	70	70
Corsicana, heavy	.50	45	48
Henrietta, Texas	.60	45	48

KANSAS AND OKLAHOMA.

Prairie Oil and Gas Company.

	1907 Feb. 11	1907 Mch. 9
32 gravity and over	$0.40	$0.41
32 to 31½ gravity	.37	.38
31½ to 31 gravity	.34	.38
31 to 30½ gravity	.31	.32
30½ to 30 gravity	.27	.28
Heavy or fuel oil	.27	.28

Gulf Pipe Line Company.

	1907 Dec. 5
Glenn Crude	$0.35

EASTERN STATES.

Pennsylvania	$1.78
Second sand	1.78
Tiona oil	1.78
Amber oil	1.78
Corning	1.14
Newcastle	1.22
Cabell	1.32
Butler, Ohio	1.78
North Lima	1.04
South Lima	.99
Indiana	.99
Illinois	.68
Illinois, under 30 deg.	.60
Princeton, Ind.	.68
Somerset	1.00
Ragland	.65
Canada	1.44

Deliveries.

January	5,554,984.38	179,193.04
February	4,985,638.34	171,918.56
March	5,147,047.87	166,033.80
April	5,325,816.54	177,527.22
May	5,561,057.02	179,388.94
June	5,708,922.18	190,297.40
July	5,927,157.05	191,198.61
August	5,605,937.10	180,836.68
September	5,652,651.87	188,421.73
October	5,629,081.65	181,583.28
November	5,564,927.62	185,497.59
December	5,698,532.18	183,826.84
Total	66,358,853.80	

NOTICE.

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The February 6 Journal will be sold at 25 cents a copy.. If you desire extra copies please send your orders without delay.. Address Oil Investors' Journal, Beaumont, Texas.

Gross Stocks.

January 1	12,472,264.11
February 1	12,835,197.60
March 1	12,949,112.20
April 1	13,512,728.28
May 1	13,831,205.85
June 1	13,716,795.69
July 1	13,758,311.62
August 1	14,364,289.02
September 1	14,308,240.20
October 1	14,120,471.16
November 1	14,093,035.67
December 1	14,112,361.67
January 1	14,359,297.11

GRADES OF OIL.

The following tables show the amount of the different grades of oil held by the Eastern pipe lines at the close of November and December, and included in the gross stocks in foregoing table:

Grade.	Nov.	Dec.
Penn	3,052,537.77	3,306,893.72
Lima-Ind	3,612,152.12	3,619,819.42
Kentucky	290,982.14	311,590.01
Kansas	3,859,429.66	3,548,730.64
Illinois	3,297,259.98	3,572,263.32
Total	14,112,361.67	14,359,297.11

ALL LIGHT OIL RECEIPTS.

Following are the average daily receipts of the different grades of oil by the various lines during November and December:

Field	Nov.	Dec.
Pennsylvania	61,128	66,675
Lima-Ind.	17,498	18,239
Illinois	78,546	81,055
Mid-Continent	119,357	122,472
Totals	276,529	288,441
Increase		11,912

PIPE LINE STOCKS OF LIGHT OIL.

The stocks of Oklahoma and Kansas oil held by the Prairie Oil and Gas Company amounted to 38,959,233 barrels at the close of December. The stocks held by the Gulf Pipe Line and The Texas Company in Oklahoma were estimated at 6,338,000 barrels, and the stocks of Oklahoma crude held by these companies in Texas were estimated at 2,200,000 barrels, which would make the total stocks in the tanks of the pipe line companies west of the Mississippi 47,497,233 barrels.

The total stocks of the various grades of oil held by the various pipe line companies at the close of December were as follows:

Kind of Oil.	Barrels.
Pennsylvania	3,306,894
Lima-Indiana	3,619,819
Kentucky	311,590
Illinois, Eastern lines	3,572,263
Illinois, Ohio Oil Co.	25,323,612
Mid-Continent, Eastern lines	3,548,731
Mid-Continent, Western lines	47,497,233
Total	87,180,142
Total December 1	85,977,973
Increase	1,202,169

TEXAS AND LOUISIANA SUMMARY

(January 1 to 15.)

Gulf Coast production on January 15 was put at 40,370 barrels. Southeast Texas was credited with 29,175 barrels, and Louisiana with 11,195 barrels. These figures indicate a decrease from the estimates for December 31 of 2870 barrels.

THE CRUDE OIL MARKET.

Credit balance quotations remain unchanged, but there has been a stiffening in contract prices. Three and six months' contracts for Spindletop production are reported at 63 cents, which is 3 cents above the highest credit balance figure. For Humble and Sour Lake production 55 to 59 cents is offered on three and six months' contracts, and a number have been closed at these prices. Batson and Saratoga contracts are reported at 53 to 58 cents. The Texas Company has made all its purchases on the basis of 55 cents at Humble, Sour Lake and Saratoga. A sale of 100,000 barrels of production at Caddo is reported at 40 cents, this being heavy oil. The Jennings market is around 65 cents in the lines. The Humble car market is 62 cents.

FIELD OPERATIONS.

Twenty-nine wells were completed in the Gulf region in the first half of January, 18 being producers with initial output estimated at 2695 barrels and 11 dry. In the corresponding period in December, there were 40 completions, of which 30 were producers, credited with 8705 barrels of new oil, and 10 were dry. Jennings furnished 1550 barrels of the new production secured in the first two weeks of January, and Humble 420 barrels, as against 1450 barrels of new oil from Jennings, and 4020 barrels of new oil from Humble in the first half of December. Salt water has put a crimp in drilling for the deeper formations at Humble, and operators are now satisfied with 100 to 200-barrel wells from the 900-foot sand. On January 15 there were 107 wells drilling and 3 rigs up in the Gulf fields, as against 105 drilling and 10 rigs on December 31. Caddo now heads the list in field work, with 34 wells drilling on January 15. Humble is second, with 26 drilling, and Sour Lake third, with 11 drilling.

Following are the estimates of Gulf Coast production on January 15, tables of well statistics for the first half of the month and detailed field reports for the same period:

GULF COAST PRODUCTION, JANUARY 15.

(Estimated)

SOUTHEAST TEXAS.

District	Dec. 15	Dec. 31	Jan. 15
Saratoga	4,030	3,710	3,800
Batson	3,950	3,705	3,700
Humble	15,500	14,720	12,750
Sour Lake	5,260	4,170	4,500
Spindletop	4,350	3,985	4,000
Dayton	150	115	150
Markham	150	200	225
Goose Creek	50	65	50
Totals	33,440	30,670	29,175

LOUISIANA.

District	Dec. 15	Dec. 31	Jan. 15
Jennings	8,300	9,000	7,400
Caddo	3,750	3,000	3,275
Anse la Butte	600	500	450
Welsh	70	70	70
Totals	12,720	12,570	11,195

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TEXAS AND LOUISIANA SUMMARY.

(Continued from Page 11.)

GULF COAST REGION.

District	Dec. 15	Dec. 31	Jan. 15
Southeast Texas	33,440	30,670	29,175
Louisiana	12,720	12,570	11,195
Totals	46,160	43,240	40,370

GULF COAST WELL SUMMARY FIRST TWO WEEKS OF JANUARY.

WELLS COMPLETED IN JANUARY.

District	Com.	Oil.	Dry.	Abd.	Pdn.
Saratoga	1	1	0	0	35
Batson	1	0	1	1	0
Humble	12	4	8	10	420
Spindletop	4	3	1	1	95
Dayton	0	0	0	0	0
Sour Lake	5	5	0	1	395
Jennings	4	3	1	1	1550
Caddo	1	1	0	0	125
Anse la Butte	0	0	0	1	0
Markham	1	1	0	0	75
Goose Creek	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	18	11	15	2695
First half Dec.	40	30	10	14	8705
Difference	11	12	1	1	6010

WELLS DRILLING AND RIGS.

District	Drilling Dec. 31.	Drilling Jan. 15.	Rigs Dec. 31.	Rigs Jan. 15.	Totls Jan. 15.
Saratoga	4	6	2	0	6
Batson	1	1	0	0	1
Humble	30	26	2	0	26
Spindletop	6	5	2	1	6
Dayton	3	2	0	1	3
Sour Lake	12	11	3	1	12
Jennings	9	9	1	0	9
Caddo	28	34	0	0	34
Anse la Bt.	6	7	0	0	7
Markham	2	2	0	0	2
Goose Crk.	4	4	0	0	4
Totals	105	107	10	3	110
Totals Dec. 31					115

HUMBLE.

COMPLETED.

Nicholson 2, Butler; 225 bbls.
Jno. O'Neil 53, Butler; 150 bbls.
Moonshine & Producers 82, Cherry (2d hole); 25 bbls.
Minnis and Sowden 10, Perryman; 20 bbls.
Hermann 59, Hermann; dry.
Odin 1, Jones; dry; abandoned.
Ninety-Nine Co. 38, Adams; dry; abandoned.
Guffey 2, Hirsch; dry; abandoned.
Guffey and Blaffer 3, Prince; dry; abandoned.
Simms and Farish 18, Mason; dry; abandoned.
Producers 107, House (wildcat) water; abandoned.
Guffey and Shannon 1, House; water; abandoned.
Completed 12, producing 4, dry 6, water 2, new production 420 barrels.

DRILLING.

Hermann 49, Hermann; waiting to pump.
Hermann 58, Hermann.
Producers 88, Bart; shut down.
Producers 91, Hermann & Brockman; shut down.
Producers 102, Moore; cable tools.
Producers 103, Matthewson; waiting to pump.
Farish, Special 36, Butler; fishing.
Producers & Ninety-Nine Co. 109, West.
Simms 4, McDonald; shut down.
Emerson & Potts 2, Butler; fishing.
Sun 76, Bailey; shut down.
Burt-McGaffey 1, Marshall (wildcat).
Nicholson 3, Butler; fishing.
Nicholson 6, Butler; shut down.
Cleveland 1, Butler.
Simms & Bass 8, McDonald.
Hermann 47, Hermann.
Hermann 60, Hermann.
Hermann 61, Hermann.
Sun Co. 77, Hargraves.
Producers 110, Mason.
Ninety-Nine Co. 51, Barbee.
Farish, Special 37, Butler; waiting to pump.
Cleveland 2, Butler.
Hoppies and Bailey 3, Charpiot.
Cross River 1, House; shut down.
Drilling 26.

NEW DERRICKS.

Producers 111, Mason.
Ward 2, Hirsch.
New derricks 2.

ABANDONED.

Ninety-Nine Co. 38, Adams; dry.
Odin 1, Jones; dry.
Guffey and Blaffer 3, Prince; dry.
Guffey 2, Hirsch; dry.
Simms 1, Bender; dry.
Simms and Farish 18, Mason; dry.
Cleveland 1, Butler; dry.
Producers 107, House (wildcat) water.
Guffey and Shannon 1, House; water.
Ninety-Nine Co. 47, Butler, derrick moved to location for No. 51.
Abandoned 10.

NOTE.

Decker and Paddock 3, on the Bender, shut down for several months, will be omitted from these tables until such time as drilling as resumed.

SOUR LAKE.

COMPLETED.

Texas 131, Texas farm, 50 bbls.
Texas 132, Texas farm, 70 bbls.
Thomson, McLaughlin & Co. 1, Jackson, 100 bbls.
Hardcastle 2, Carpenter, 125 bbls.
Drake 1, Drake, 50 bbls.
Completed 5, producing 5, new production 395 bbls.

DRILLING.

Texas 133, Texas farm.
Producers 3, Bordages.
Producers 4, Bordages.
Sun 1, Gulf Coast Oil Co. tract.
Sun 2, Enloe & Carpenter.
Robinson & Buckner 1, R. & B. tract.
Gilbert 42, Gilbert.
Terry 1, Brown.
Keever & Gordon 1, Merchant.
Britton 5, Cannon, ready for standard rig.
Young 1, Woodward.
Drilling 11.

DRILLING DEEPER.

Homestead 1, Cannon.
Johnson 106, Rio Bravo.
Heidner & Hart 7, Rodgers.
Chappell 12, Lone acre.
Drilling deeper 4.

RIGS.

Sun 1, Turpin.

ABANDONED.

Chappell 5, Lone acre.

NOTES.

Hardcastle 1, Gulf Coast Oil Co. tract, will be omitted from the drilling table until such time as drilling is resumed.
Anderson 20, on the Swayne was drilled deeper and is dry.

SPINDLETOP.

COMPLETED.

Abercrombie & Co., Higgins, water, abandoned.
F. D. Smith & Co. 18, old Heywood lease, 30 bbls fluid, 15 bbls oil.
Wilson Broach 1, block 20, Gladys, 20 bbls.
Wilson Broach 4, old Miss.-Tex. lease, 60 bbls.
Completed 4, producing 3, water 1, abandoned 1, new production 95 bbls.

DRILLING.

Kathleen Oil Co. (Henderson, Thomson, and others), McFaddin, shut down. Tried to blow with air, but developed only about 400 to 500 bbls. of sand and water, with but a show of oil.
Bowles Bros. block 15, Gladys, shut down.
C. A. Abercrombie, 100-acre tract on the McFaddin.
Wilson-Broach 2, block 20, Gladys.
Wilson-Broach 5, Miss.-Tex. lease.
Drilling 5.

RIGS.

Bowles 2, block 15, G'ady's.

DERRICK.

Unity 22, McFaddin, rig taken down.

SARATOGA.

COMPLETED.

International 8, McShane, 35 bbls.

DRILLING.

Producers 3, Little Jap (Queen City).
Paggi 11, Kirby 2 1-2 acres
Rio Bravo 259, Rio Bravo farm.
Rio Bravo 249, Rio Bravo farm.
Gaines 1, Teel farm.
Saratoga 3, Hooks.
Drilling 6.

NOTE.

Paggi 5, on the Teel acre was drilled deeper and is producing about 75 bbls.

MARKHAM.

COMPLETED.

Producers-Hardy 16, about 270 ft. W. of Hardy 1; flowed 100 bbls at start. Pumping 75 bbls.

DRILLING.

Producers-Hardy 17, about 250 ft. N. E. of No. 1; blew out Jan. 16 below 600 ft.; drilling resumed.
Producers-Hardy 18, about 175 ft. S. E. of Hardy 13; drilling suspended Jan. 18 on account receivership involving Henry Park survey. New location made in William Haddon survey, 125 ft. N. of Hardy 13.

NOTES.

Hardy 1 stopped flowing last week, but was bailed and is again producing. The field is making about 225 barrels.

GOOSE CREEK.

DRILLING.

Producers 2, Gaillard 350 feet west of Gaillard 1; about 1150 ft. Jan. 15.
Producers 1, Sweet 20 acres, 1000 ft. E. of Gaillard 1; about 1860 ft. Jan. 15.
Producers 3, Ashbel Smith; 1400 ft. Jan. 15.
Producers 1; Isenhour, 1 1-2 miles W. of Gaillard 1; about 1870 ft. Jan. 15.
Drilling 4.

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DAYTON.

COMPLETED.

None.

DRILLING.

J. M. Mills 1, Mills farm; shut down; may drill deeper.

Am. Sulph. and Oil 5, Stevens and Pickett tract, Trinity River bottoms.

Drilling 2.

RIGS.

W. H. Bullard and others, Ed Pruitt farm, southeast of Dayton Station.

LOCATION.

Trammel 5, on A. S. Neizart.

BATSON.

COMPLETED.

W. G. Christian, Milhome, dry, abandoned. Will probably move over.

DRILLING.

Allen Oil Co. 2, Conzelman lease.

CADDO.

COMPLETED.

Black Bayou 1, Alexander, SE 1-4 of SE 1-4, sec. 9-20-15, 125 bbls.

DRILLING.

Gulf Ref. Co. 1, Mason, NE 1-4 sec. 31-20-15 (Mooringsport.)

Gulf Ref. Co. 1, Nunnally, sec. 29-20-15. (Mooringsport.)

Gulf Ref. Co. 1, So Relle, SW 1-4 sec. 30-20-15. (Mooringsport.)

Producers 1, fee, NE 1-4 sec. 30-20-15. (Mooringsport.)

Gulf Ref. Co. 3, Hostetter, NW 1-4 sec. 30-20-15. (Mooringsport.)

Producers 4, C. W. Lane, sec. 18-20-15.

Producers 2, P. Harrell, SE 1-4, sec. 2-12-16.

Producers 1, Rudersdorf, NE 1-4 of NE 1-4, sec. 11-20-16, shut down.

B. G. Dawes and others 1, NW 1-4, sec. 18-20-15.

Merchants 1, Merchants, SW 1-4 of SW 1-4, sec. 6-20-15.

Busch-Everett 1, Douglas, SW 1-4, sec. 30-20-14.

McCann & Harper 1, Pitts, NE 1-4 of NW 1-4, sec. 31-22-15.

Producers 2, Murray, NW 1-4 of SW 1-4, sec. 7-20-15.

Producers 1, Holt, SE 1-4 of SE 1-4, sec. 2-20-16.

Rogers 1, Rogers, Lewis Station, shut down.

Rogers 3, Rogers, Lewis Station.

D. C. Richardson 1, Richardson, SW 1-4 of SW 1-4, sec. 1-20-16.

Lillie 2, Thompson Lbr. Co. tract, NW 1-4 of NW 1-4, sec. 12-20-16 (second hole).

Lillie 3, Thompson Lbr. Co. tract, NW 1-4 of NW 1-4, sec. 12-20-16.

Heywood Oil Co. 1, J. S. Savage, NE 1-4 of SE 1-4, sec. 2-20-16.

Caddo G. & O. 2, C. G. & O. tract, SW 1-4 of SW 1-4, sec. 1-20-16.

Filer 3, Filer, sec. 18-20-15.

Cooper & Heard 1, Cooper (Winnfield, La).

Reliance 3, Pitts, N. 1-2 of NW 1-4, sec. 7-20-15.

Mansfield 1, Jordan & Hinckley, SW 1-4 sec. 6-20-15.

Richardson 1, Nunnally & Richardson, SE 1-4 of SE 1-4, sec. 25-21-16, shut down.

Blanchard 3, Surrey, SW 1-4 of SE 1-4, sec. 12-20-16, shut down.

Richardson 1, Guy, NE 1-4 sec. 32-21-15.

Trees 1, Stiles, sec. 27-21-16, setting strainer.

Producers 1, Producers, NE 1-4 sec. 30-20-15.

Caddo G. & O. 1, Glassell, SE 1-4 sec. 10-20-15.

Caddo G. & O. 1, at Dixie, La.

Marshall 1, Cole (Blanchard, La.), sec. 33-19-15.

W. B. McCormick 1, Croom (Mooringsport) SW 1-4 sec. 31-20-15.

Drilling 34.

DERRICKS.

Gulf Ref. Co. 2, Mason, SE 1-4 sec. 30-20-15. (Mooringsport.)

LOCATIONS.

Gulf Ref. Co. 1, Mrs. Curtis land, SE 1-4 sec. 19-20-15, N side Caddo lake, opp. Hostetter.

Gulf-Broussard 1, Pitts, sec. 20-20-15, N side Caddo lake, opp. Hostetter.

NOTES.

Gulf Ref. Co. 2, on the Hostetter was reported January 15 to be still making from 300 to 325 bbls., the No. 1, from 40 to 60 bbls.

It is reported that D. C. Richardson 1, on the Richardson tract in sec. 1-20-16 is to be shot with nitro glycerine. It is finished in the shallow sand.

Fire destroyed the Oil City postoffice and several adjacent buildings on January 14.

Lillie 2, on the Thompson Lbr. Co. tract, first hole abandoned, drilling second.

The Gulf Company's 55,000-barrel steel tank, being built by the Warren City Tank and Boiler Co., at Mooringsport, is ready for the roof.

Thirty-six cars of oil from the Hostetter wells had been shipped from Mooringsport by the Gulf Refining Company up to and including January 16, the amount of oil being about 6000 barrels, all consigned to the Gulf refinery at Port Arthur.

A standard rig has been built on Hostetter 2 so that it may be started pumping whenever this becomes necessary.

JENNINGS.

COMPLETED.

Producers 68, Latreille 40 acres, 350 bbls.

Producers 69, Latreille 40 acres, 1000 bbls.

Gulf Ref. Co. 21, Morse, 200 bbls.

C. O. & M. 40, fee simple, salt water.

Completed 4, producing 3, salt water 1, new production 1550 bbls.

DRILLING.

Knott 3, Lyons, building standard rig.

Gulf Ref. Co. 8, Syndicate-Clement.

Gulf Ref. Co. 17, Jennings-Clement.

Producers 50, Latreille 160 acres.

Producers 70 and 71, Latreille 40 acres.

C. O. & M. 39 and 41, fee simple.

Heywood O. Co. 10, Eunice-Crowley.

Drilling 9.

DRILLING DEEPER.

Chicago-Jennings 8, Clement.

Gulf Ref. Co. 2, Jennings, fee simple.

DERRICKS.

Gulf Ref. Co. 19, Jennings-Clement.

ABANDONED.

Gulf Ref. Co. 11, Jennings-Clement.

NOTES.

Knott 3, on the Lyons came in gushing, flowed 5 hours, making about 300 barrels, then stopped. Now being equipped with standard rig.

The Crowley Oil & Mineral Company has a derrick up about 1 1-4 miles east of the proven field on Bayou Des Cannes, on Crowley Oil & Mineral tract of 50 acres near the Louisiana Irrigation Company's plant.

ANSE LA BUTTE.

COMPLETED.

None.

DRILLING.

Lake 8, R. Martin, 1921 feet in rock.

Lake 15, R. Martin, 914 feet in rock.

Anse la Butte O. & M. 2, Begnaud, screen set at 1910 feet.

J. Y. S. 1, A. Martin, shut down.

Oil & T. L. 1, A. Broussard, 1670 feet in gumbo.

New Iberia Petr. 1, Moresi, 760 feet in oil sand, ready to set screen.

Baton Rouge 1, La. Petr. tract, 1397 feet in rock.

Drilling 7.

ABANDONED.

Anse la Bute O. & M. Co. 1, Begnaud, salt water.

INCORPORATED.

Texas.

The Vivian Oil Company of Beaumont. Capital stock, $5000. Incorporators: John W. Henderson, M. A. Thompson, Jr., and Matt McAllister.

Sutherland Springs Oil & Gas Co. of Sutherland Springs, $12,000 capital, by T. C. Worthington, Nat M. Washer, J. B. Dibrell, all of San Antonio, Texas, and others; to develop oil deposits on 2000 acres of land near Sutherland Springs.

Trinity River Oil Co. of San Antonio; $5000 capital, by C. L. Bass, T. H. Bass and Lee Kinnebrew.

Latex Oil Co. of San Antonio; $40,000 capital; John W. Warren, president; W. C. Moore, vice president; J. N. Groesbeck, Jr., secretary; J. J. Coffman, treasurer; company has purchased 1600 acres of land in Caddo district, about 20 miles from Shreveport, and will begin operations at once.

Louisiana.

White Castle Oil Co. of White Castle; $100,000 capital; L. M. Soniat, president; George M. Murrel, vice president; T. J. Clay, treasurer; P. L. Viallon, secretary.

Oklahoma.

The Brookins Oil Company of Nowata, $10,000 capital, incorporators B. L. Brookins, P. S. Powell, B. H. Robertson and E. B. Lawson.

The H. H. Breene Company of Bartlesville, $10,000 capital; incorporators H. H. Breene, A. A. Smith and Burdette Blue.

The Henry Oil & Gas Company of Bartlesville filed amended articles of incorporation increasing its capital stock from $10,000 to $125,000.

The G. W. Yerian Oil & Gas Company, Porum, capital $2,500; directors, G. W. Yerian, W. P. Parke, W. T. Miller, M. C. Jordan, R. L. Pearl, all of Porum.

Kenneth Oil Company, Muskogee, capital $5000; directors, Edward H. Junk, James A. Peterson, both of Muskogee; Frederick H. Wickett, Chicago.

The Elk County Oil and Gas Co. of Tulsa, has been chartered here, capital $25,000. Incorporators: J. K. Gardner, W. P. Murphy of Ridgeway, Pa.; George B. Harmon, Milton J. Maxwell, Tulsa.

Lucas Oil Co. of Tulsa, $5000 capital, by F. B. Ufer, P. J. White and R. W. Kellough.

Octo Oil Co. of Bartlesville; $40,000 capital, by H. Weber, H. C. Weber and M. U. Weber.

Pittsburg Oil & Gas Co. of McAlester; $10,000 capital, by James Stalcup, Charles S. Brice, Edward S. Ellis and others.

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The Clayco Oil & Pipe Line Company expects to be distributing gas in Henrietta and Wichita Falls, Tex., from the Petrolia, or Clay county, field by February 1. A four-inch line has been laid from the well on the Panhandle land to Henrietta, twelve miles south, and extends west from that place to Wichita Falls, a distance of about fifteen miles. Work on this line will be completed this week. Gas mains are being laid in both Henrietta and Wichita Falls, and will be ready by the end of the month. The Clayco Company has also piped the town of Petrolia, and is supplying about sixty houses there. A survey has been run by this company from the field to North Fort Worth, taking in Bowie and Decatur, both of which towns have granted the Clayco people natural gas franchises. An application to pipe North Fort Worth for gas has been made by the Clayco Company, and has passed to third reading. It is expected that it will come up for final action before the end of this wek. The line from the field to North Fort Worth will be about 100 miles long.

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C. F. KING'S FINISH: THE PENITENTIARY.

A dispatch from Boston, dated January 13, says:

"Cardenio Flavius King, former financial agent and broker, who maintained palatial offices in Boston and New York, and who, for a short time, was publisher of a daily paper here, was tonight sentenced to not less than 10 and not more than 14 years at hard labor in the state prison. On December 29 King was convicted of larceny and embezzlement and with securing, by false pretenses, $22,000 from his customers. The sentence followed a dramatic review by King in court of his flight from Boston and his travels in England, France and Ceylon. He declared he was innocent of wrong intent, and accused Thomas W. Lawson of bringing him to financial ruin."

This tells briefly the finish of the man who promoted the King-Crowther Corporation, who advertised through his daily paper in Boston, his own self-asserted honesty, and who, when ruin faced him, fled with his clients' money to far-off India, only to come back and give himself up. Ten or twelve years ago he toured Texas in a special car, writing up various communities for a St. Louis newspaper. When the Beaumont boom drew attention to oil in Texas, he organized the King-Crowther bubble, telling the eastern public, in brilliant page advertisements of the "Crowther oil field" which, in reality was only a dim prospect out on the prairies of West Texas. The state forfeited the corporation's charter, but King reorganized it under the laws of Maine and renewed his campaign of advertising in the furtherance of stock sales. No one can gainsay his genius as a writer of original and compelling advertisements. He had luxurious suites of offices in Boston and New York, edited his own daily newspaper in Boston "in the interests of the public" and dealt in miscellaneous stocks and bonds. Some of the money given him for investment was never invested. King disappeared. The search for him was futile, but in time he returned and surrendered. He now faces a term of 10 to 14 years at hard labor.

E. C. LUFKIN, MANAGER OF THE TEXAS COMPANY'S NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT.

E. C. Lufkin has resigned as manager of the Snow Steam Pump Works at Buffalo, N. Y., to become manager of the natural gas department of The Texas Company, with headquarters for the present in the Fort Worth National Bank Building at Fort Worth, Texas. He has been in Texas and Louisiana since early in January, inspecting the various oil and gas districts, and arrived in Houston, January 16, to stay several days. Last week he went over the Caddo field with W. B. Sharp. Mr. Lufkin has a wide acquaintance in the oil and gas business, having been associated with the industry all his life. The Texas Company has not yet worked out its plans as to natural gas, but will eventually furnish a supply to Fort Worth, Dallas and other points in the northern part of the state. If the Clay county field develops a sufficient supply it is probable that the company will lay a line from that territory, a distance of about 100 miles, to Fort Worth and Dallas. Considerable prospecting is now being done in the northern part of the state, and the development of gas in adequate quantities is regarded as reasonably sure. If a supply is not available in Texas, however, it can be obtained from the Caddo field, due east of Dallas. Interests identified with The Texas Company control a large area of land in Clay county, Tex., and several thousand acres of proven gas territory in the Caddo district.

L. C. Tassart of 57, Boulevard Pereire, Paris, France, has returned from Kurdistan, where he has been prospecting for petroleum for six months.

THE MELLONS ON A TOUR OF INSPECTION.

Messrs. A. W. Mellon, R. B. Mellon and W. L. Mellon of Pittsburg, Pa., principal owners of the Gulf Refining Company, Gulf Pipe Line Company and J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, arrived in Beaumont on the morning of January 8, after a tour of inspection through Oklanoma, Louisiana and Texas.

They visited the Glenn pool, south of Tulsa, on January 4, went over the line of the Fort Smith and Western railroad, in which they are interested, and visited Big Sandy station on the Gulf Pipe Line Company's Oklahoma-Texas trunk line, due west of the Caddo field. From Big Sandy they went to Texarkana, and then over the Kansas City Southern to Mooringsport, where the Gulf Refining Company of Louisiana has recently developed an extension of the Caddo oil field. From Shreveport they went to Beaumont. Vice-President C. H. Markham of the Gulf Pipe Line Company, and J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, and General Superintendent John F. Fisher accompanied them from Tulsa south. From Beaumont the Mellons went to Port Arthur, where they visited the Gulf refinery, departing for Pittsburg on the evening of the 9th.

The Caddo district has no pipe line outlet to the coast, and it seems reasonably assured that if the Mooringsport properties of the Gulf people and others develop a production sufficient to warrant it, the Gulf Company will lay a line west to Big Sandy, Texas, a distance of about 80 miles, and parallel the present trunk line from that point to Port Arthur, about 210 miles south. The visit of the Mellon party appears to confirm the conclusion that such plans are under consideration.

LEMAN-KLINGLER.

Cards of invitation have been received to the wedding reception of Mr. William Trundy Leman and Miss Ella Z. Klingler which is to take place at the home of Miss Klingler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Klingler, at St. Petersburg, Pa., from 7:30 until 9:30 o'clock on the evening of January 21. The ceremony will be performed at 6:30 o'clock that evening. Mr. Leman and Miss Klingler have many friends in the oil business, and the Oil Investors' Journal joins in the good wishes that are going to St. Petersburg about this time. Mr. Leman is manager of the central western sales division of The Texas Company, with headquarters at St. Louis. After February 1 Mr. and Mrs. Leman will be at home at 1215 Amherst place, St. Louis, Mo.

W. W. Orcutt, chief geologist for the Union Oil Company of California, is reported to have secured leases for oil development from J. G. Smyth, Washer Brothers, Mrs. English, W. L. Anderson and the owners of the Pryor ranches in the vicinity of Uvalde, Texas. It is planned to start drilling first on the Anderson ranch. A complete rotary outfit has been shipped to Uvalde to do the work. Mr. Orcutt recently spent several days in Houston, buying the necessary machinery.

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THE TANK STRAPPERS' COLUMN.

That cows with murder in their hearts, murder in their hoofs and murder in their horns have existed from time to time is a matter of history. Our friend in Houston who has one, and whose hand to horn battle with her was described in this column a month ago, would have a warm sympathizer in Bill Nye, if Bill were alive, for it was Bill who owned the meanest cow that ever lived. If you don't believe it read what Bill himself said about her when he grew weary of fighting for his milk and offered her for sale: "Owing to my ill health I will sell at my residence, in township nineteen, range eighteen, according to the government's survey, one plush raspberry cow, aged eight years. She is of undoubted courage, and gives milk frequently. To the man who does not fear death in any form she would be a great boon. She is very much attached to her present home with a stay chain, but she will be sold to anyone who will agree to treat her right. She is one-fourth shorthorn and three-quarters hyena. I will also throw in a double-barrel shotgun, which goes with her. In May she usually goes away for a week or two and returns with a tail, red calf with wabbly legs. Her name is Rose. I would rather sell to a non-resident."

If Bill were here to describe our Houston friend's man-eating cow he couldn't have told her strong points better than he has in the foregoing description of his own animal. The horrible thought occurs to us that Rose survives and is now in our very midst!

James Thompson tried for water this week, but got three dry holes. Looks rather dry in this vicinity. Who will be next to try?

It goes without saying that James was not drilling at Goose Creek, Anse la Butte or in the northern extension of the Humble field. The sad story of James' three vain tries is from a Canadian paper. We would suggest that Jamie melt some snow if he just must have water.

An Illinois paper speaks of a couple who were "united in the holy locks of matrimony." What's the system in Illini—do they lock 'em up and throw away the key?

We hired a new office boy at Houston the other day—a big, fat-faced kid from Corsicana. He signed his name "Hal Peck," in a large, round hand, like a tank. When we left the office the morning of his first day, there was a fresh box of stogies in the bottom drawer of the desk. At eventide, when we returned, our 100 smokes had dwindled to 6. We fired Hal.

Big Gus Mahan was at Shreveport week before last. He was introduced to a small gent, who was much impressed by Gus' magnificent proportions "How tall are you, Mr. Mahan?" timidly inquired the S. G., tilting his head back and gazing up into the clouds where he could get a glimpse of the National Supply Company's Kansas head. "I'm six feet, four and a half, and I have a joint that I never have unfolded," came the answer from the altitudinous one. And he never will unfold it so long as he has to sleep in those five foot and a half Pullman berths.

W. B. McCormick gives the Shreveport newspaper reporters some red hot dope now and then. One of them asked him how his well at Mooringsport was coming on. McCormick gave him all the details, putting on a few strong touches concerning a blowout that was narrowly averted. The news hustler added some details of his own. "The gas pressure was so strong," the story read, "that the drillers could not withdraw the rotary." That's going some, even for Caddo, where the gas is about as husky as gas ever gets to be.

All the booze bazaars at Shreveport were nailed up tight at midnight, December 31, 1908. A few days after the town dried up we got a remittance from one of our old standbys, covering five months' advertising. It was mailed from Shreveport, and was accompanied by a pathetic little note, from which we quote: "It is a cold day. Bars all around—selling 'Coke', Dr. Pepper and near-beer. I can't spend any money so am sending it to you. There may be a place in Houston or Beaumont where they take money and give something for it. Thirty-five thousand inhabitants, natural gas, big oil field—prohibition! Ex-Governor Vardaman to lecture tomorrow night on 'The Impending Crisis.' Ouch! Please use your influence with Teddy. I want to go to Africa and milk a cocoanut. Yours very thirsty, K. W. B." If we thought prohibition would have the same effect in some other quarters we certainly would get busy.

If you've got something to advertise and you don't take space in the big number of the Journal on February 6 you are asleep at the switch, your own worst enemy, suffering from acute paralysis of your business foresight, and don't know a good thing when you see it. Write, telegraph or telephone. Space $50 a page while it lasts.

Leigh Gordon of the Gulf Pipe Line Company was in Houston the day that John Fisher turned the Mooringsport well loose. The oil gang asked Leigh to give them the dope on the well. He said he would talk to Fisher over the 'phone at night and tell them all about it next morning at the Brazos. They were there, waiting, when Leigh came

down from his room. He was surrounded, while they waited, mouths and ears wide open. "Well, I talked to Fisher last night, and—" he leaned over and motioned them to come closer. It looked like easy money. The mystery was about to be solved. A few more words and the dope would be out. "And," resumed Leigh, "when I asked him what the well made he said: 'Gordon, its none of your damned business what that well made.'" Nobody questioned Leigh's dope.

When Kendall and Belcher took possession of the forty acres at Mooringsport, which the Gulf Company bought from one Ward, they put men on the land, armed with shotguns. The Gulf people, who own the property surrounding the forty, strung a five-strand barbed wire fence completely around the tract, two feet from the lines. Kendall and Belcher then built a second barbed wire fence, this being on the forty acres. The guards got a tent, had their meals sent to them and stayed on the ground, day and night. The Gulf people made a survey for a 2300-foot bridge across the neck of Caddo Lake from Mooringsport to the Hostetter lease. The survey passes within eight feet of a corner of the disputed forty acres. Wishing to ascertain if there was quicksand, which might interfere with the driving of the piling for the bridge, Leigh Gordon set a nigger to work digging a hole six feet square and six feet deep just off the corner of the disputed forty. The guards looked on while Mr. Nigger spaded the dirt. Finally they came over to the corner and asked him what he was doing. "Don't know, Capt'n," said the coon. "One of them white men told me to dig this hole, and I'm digging it." When he had finished Gordon came along and the nigger told him of the conversation. "You stay here another half hour," said the Bridge Boss, "and if they ask you that question again tell them you're digging a foundation hole for a gatling gun."

BILL HOGG, DEBUTANTE.

Bill Hogg made his debut in society at a card party in Houston the other night. Considering it a pretty good prospect for a choice line of dope we transferred one of our trusty scouts from the watery wilds of Goose Creek to do the swell sassiety stunt at which Bill was booked to appear. Bill was there all right, all right, with spangles to spare. During the first game of high five a lady at his table was a little slow in putting her ace on his king. Bill grew impatient. "Play up there, Young Squirrel, play up," was the classic admonition that fell from his lips. The lady made a motion as if she was swallowing her gum, while the others within hearing tried, with frantic efforts, to regain their breath. A little later Bill was performing at another table, and his fair partner failed to bid when she had an ace and deuce in her hand. When Bill found out about it, after the hand had been played, he calmly informed her that she had "cold feet." Needless to say Bill was the sensation of the evening. After the bunch found out that he really knew better, and was only funning they gave him the center of the stage. The official dope is that Bill made a hit, and that a dizzy career awaits him in society:

"SLAM THE DOOR, BILL!"

Speaking of society calls to mind a good one on Lee Blaffer. Now that Lee is about to quit the Old Dogs and go into double harness we will have to tell it on him. Lee and Bill Farish had an engagement to call on some young ladies in Houston, and, although the cars passed right by the house, they decided to do it up right, so they hired a hack. Walter Sharp says it was a regular wedding hack, lined with yellow satin and fitted up with electric lights. But that doesn't matter. The fact remains that it was a genuine hack, and, as the incident occurred a couple of years ago, before Lee got his big bunch of oil in the north end of the Humble field, a hack then was a HACK. They drove out to their destination in grand style, drew up at the carriage step and alighted with all the dignity and ease of manner that is supposed to characterize those who have ridden in hacks since childhood. Walter Sharp asserts that they turned on the electric lights when the hack got within a block of the house, in order to make their approach as modest and unpretentious as possible. But this is neither here nor there. To vouch for the remainder of the story we have the affidavit of Farish, who long ago became repentant and confessed. Lee got out first and surveyed the situation. No one was in sight, but in the yard, behind a cluster of palm trees, sat the party of young ladies upon whom they had come to call. After a moment Lee spotted the girls. Apparently they were totally unconscious of the arrival of the hack and its contents. Two dollars spent for naught! But Lee had an inspiration. He turned to Farish, who was settling with the cabby. "Slam the door, Bill!" he whispered. Bill slammed it good and hard and then the girls saw the hack. Now Lee is going to marry one of the fairest of the fair, a girl who was in the party that night, and Bill Farish suggests the moral: "It pays to advertise."

It is reported that a depth of about 1900 feet has been reached on the well being drilled by the Burt-McGaffey Company on the Hahn ranch, about 10 miles north of El Campo, Texas. The drill is in blue gumbo, after passing through some oil and gas showings.

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LATE DOPE FROM TULSA.

TULSA, OKLA., Jan. 19—(Special Telegram)—Charles Page is drilling in what appears to be a good well on the Millie Aubrey land, northwest corner of northeast quarter 24-18-12, North Glenn extension. This is on part of 320 acres recently sold by Mr. Page to the Gulf Pipe Line Company. The Taneha Oil Company drilled in its well yesterday on the Paul Land allotment, section 1 at Taneha, and after passing through 35 feet of sand went into a hard formation. The well is now flowing 500 barrels natural.

J. E. Crosbie has been summoned to Chicago to testify in the suit brought by the government to dissolve the Standard Oil Company, and leaves tonight. J. R. R.

The Lafayette-Crowley Company is to drill on 120 acres at Pin Hook, two miles south of Lafayette, Louisiana.

It is reported that the Wilfert Developing Company had a showing at about 700 feet in a well being drilled near Eunice, Louisiana.

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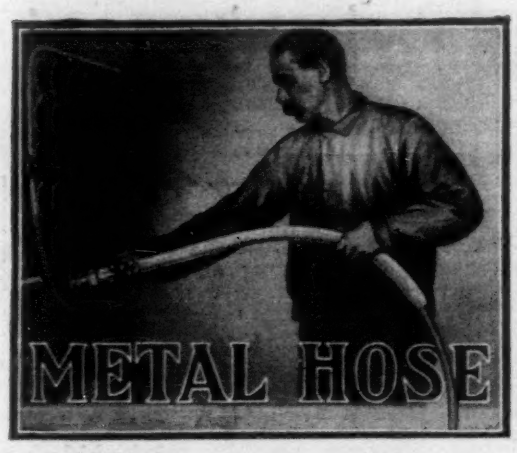

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The test by the Gulf Refining Company of Louisiana, on the Lirette farm near Houma, Louisiana, is down between 2400 and 2500 feet, with little showing. Some gas has been encountered, and at 2067 feet a test of what was thought to be oil sand was made with a 2½-inch strainer, but developed only salt water. The strainer was pulled and the well is drilling deeper.

WILDCAT NOTES.

A crew of men left Houston on January 6 for Huntsville, Texas, to drill at Black Creek.

A well is going down near Uni, Louisiana.

A company has been organized to drill near Mount Pleasant, Texas.

E. L. Huffman is to drill for gas on a tract held in fee near San Angelo, Texas.

It is reported a company is being formed at Lampasas, Texas, to drill on property owned by J. H. Price.

The White Castle Oil Company has been organized at White Castle, Louisiana, with authorized capital of $100,000, of which 10 per cent has been subscribed, to drill near that point.

G. W. Yerian, of Porum, Oklahoma, and others are to drill for oil and gas at Porum, south of the Muskogee pool. They are reported to have a large block of leases.

It is reported that drilling will soon begin on a tract of about 38,000 acres, leased by Col. E. M. Wheeler and associates in the southeastern part of Matagorda county, and the southwestern part of Brazoria county.

A flow of gas at about 500 feet is reported in a well being drilled for water at Bossier City, Louisiana, opposite Shreveport, on the Red river, on the property of the Shreveport Cottonwood Company. The well is being drilled deeper.

Eight months ago the Eddy & Gunn Rice Company had an artesian well drilled on its farm situated six miles north of the sulphur mines at Sulphur, La. Showings of oil and gas at 325 to 350 feet were reported in this well. It was completed for water at 425 feet. On January 1, this well started to blow out through the 10-inch casing, the pressure coming from the 325 foot sand. Some oil showed in it. The Meathers Oil Company of Lake Charles has leases on 800 acres of land where the well is located and options on 900 acres adjoining it and expects to start a test for oil within 15 days.

NOTES ON OPERATIONS IN THE GULF COAST FIELDS.

Anse la Butte reports no completions in the first half of January, and one abandonment. Seven wells were drilling January 15.

Dayton reports no completions. Two wells are drilling in this district, both outside the defined field, and a rig is up for a test on the Ed Pruitt farm, southeast of Dayton Station.

At Jennings four wells were completed the first half of January: Producers 68, on the Latreille 40 acres, for 350 barrels; Producers 69, same land, for 1,000 barrels; Gulf Refining Company 21, on the Morse, 200 barrels, and Crowley Oil and Mineral Company 40, on the fee simple, a salt water well. Nine wells were drilling on January 15, one was drilling deeper and one derrick was up for new work. One well was abandoned in the half month, Knott 3, on the Lyons, drilled below 2,200 feet, came in gushing, flowed five hours, making about 300 barrels, and then stopped. It is being equipped with a standard rig.

FEDERAL SUPREME COURT AFFIRMS TEXAS CASES AGAINST WATERS PIERCE.

The United States Supreme Court, in an opinion in which all of the justices concurred, on January 18, affirmed the judgment in the case of the State of Texas against the Waters Pierce Oil Company, and decreed that the property of the company in Texas be turned over to the receiver appointed by the state court, Robert J. Eckhardt. The company's business in Texas is now being administered by Charles B. Dorchester, a receiver named by the Federal Court.

The Supreme Court adjudged that the cost of the proceedings instituted by Bradley W. Palmer and H. Clay Pierce to keep the federal receiver, C. B. Dorchester, in control after the Circuit Court of Appeals, at New Orleans, had decided against him, shall be paid out of the proceeds of the company's property in Texas.

There were three cases before the Supreme Court. One of them came up on a writ of certiorari from the Circuit Court of Appeals, at New Orleans. This court has reversed the action of District Judge Bryant in appointing C. B. Dorchester, after the state court (Judge Brooks) had appointed Robert J. Eckhardt. The Supreme Court affirmed the action of the Circuit Court of Appeals, decreeing also that the cost of the receivership shall be defrayed out of the funds of the company.

The second case involved the question of the constitutionality of the law providing for the appointment of a receiver to wind up the affairs of a corporation convicted of violating the anti-trust acts. This case the Supreme Court dismissed for want of jurisdiction, holding that no federal question was presented. The effect of this, is to allow the judgment of the state court to stand.

The third is known as the main case against the Waters Pierce Oil Company. This is the one in which the judgment of ouster was rendered and a fine of $1,623,900 was assessed as penalty. In this case the Supreme Court holds, to quote from the concluding paragraph of its opinion, "That our province is limited to an examination of objections under the federal legislation," and, "We are unable to find in this record any ground for reversing the judgment of the state court." Thus is the judgment of the state courts sustained.

There were written opinions in all three of the cases, but only that relating to the main case was given out on January 19. The written opinions in the two other cases were withheld to permit the modification of some expressions used.

When asked for a statement on January 18 as to their future course, attorneys for the Waters Pierce Company said they had nothing to say at this time. It is probable that a rehearing will be asked.

The Supreme Court of Missouri has extended until February 17 the time granted the Waters Pierce Company to disassociate itself from the Standard Oil Company.

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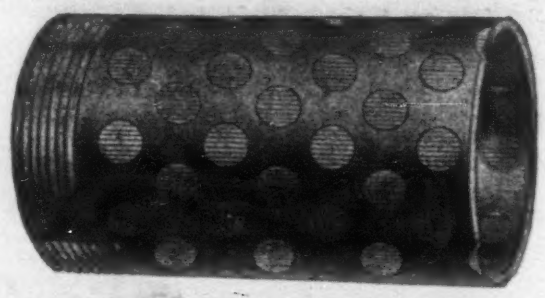

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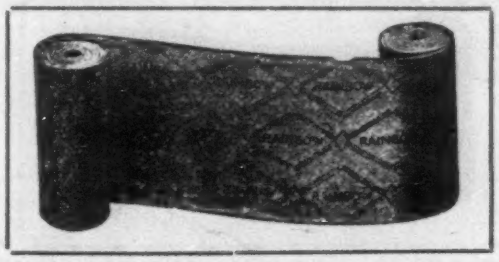

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GULF COAST FIELD OPERATIONS.

Humble is not maintaining its record of several months past, reporting but 12 completions in the first half of January, of which 4 were producers, 6 dry and 2 fresh water wells. Initial production of the new wells is figured at 420 barrels. This is against 18 completions the first half of December, 14 of which were producers, with 4020 barrels initial production and 4 dry holes—a falling off from the corresponding period of last month of 6 completions and 3600 barrels of new oil. The producers completed the first half of January range in initial output as follows: Nicholson 2, on the Butler, 225 barrels the first 24 hours; John O'Neil 53, on the same tract, 150 barrels; Moonshine and Producers 82, second hole, on the Cherry, 25 barrels; the remaining 20 barrels of new oil being credited to Minnis and Sowden 10, on the Perryman. Drilling had also greatly decreased on January 15. Compared with December 15, when 44 rigs were running at Humble, compared with 26 on January 15. There were 2 new derricks up on January 15. Ten wells were abandoned the first half of the current month.

Sour Lake reports 5 completions in the first half of January, all producers, with initial production of 395 barrels, as follows: Hardcastle 2, on the Carpenter, 125 barrels; Thomson-McLaughlin 1, on the Jackson, 100 barrels; Texas 132, on the Texas farm, and Texas 131, on the same tract, 70 and 50 barrels; and Drake 1, on the Drake tract, 50 barrels. There were 11 wells drilling on January 15, and 3 drilling deeper. One well was abandoned. Anderson 20, on the Swayne, was drilled deeper and is reported dry.

At Saratoga one well, International 8, on the McShane, was completed in the first half of January, with 35 barrels initial production. Paggi 5, on the Teel acre, was drilled deeper and produced from the new depth about 75 barrels initial output. There were six wells drilling on January 15.

Four wells were completed at Spindletop in the first half of January, 3 of which were producers giving 95 barrels of new oil. One, Abercrombie & Co. on the Higgins was a water well and abandoned. Of the producers, Wilson-Broach 4, on the old Mississippi-Texas lease, was good for 60 barrels initial production. Wilson-Broach 1, on block 20 of the Gladys, 20 barrels and F. D. Smith & Co. 18, on the old Heywood lease, 30 barrels of fluid, 15 barrels being oil. Five wells were drilling on January 15, and 1 rig and 1 derrick were up for new wells.

Batson completed 1 hole on the Milhome, W. G. Christian's well, which was dry and abandoned. It is reported that he will move over and drill another hole. One well, Allen Oil Co. 2, on the Conzelman lease, was drilling January 15.

MARKHAM AND GOOSE CREEK.

Producers-Hardy 16, at Markham, was completed January 4, and made about 100 barrels at the start. It is doing about 75 barrels on the pump. The production of the field is now 225 barrels. Producers-Hardy 17, about 100 yards northeast of Hardy 1, blew out from the shallow gas formation on January 16, but the damage was slight and drilling has been resumed. Drilling was started on Producers-Hardy 18 at a point about 175 feet southeast of Hardy 13, but, as a result of the appointment of a receiver for twenty-one ninety-sixths of the Henry Parker survey, on which the producing wells are located, work was suspended on No. 18 on January 18, and the rig was moved over on to the William Haddon survey, about 125 feet north of the north line of the Parker and the same distance north of Hardy 13. The receivership is the outcome of a suit filed by Burnham and others, who claim an interest in the Henry Parker survey. W. M. Holland, of Bay City, former state senator, was made receiver on January 6. He served notice that he would require the Producers Oil Company, operating the Hardy Oil Company's property in the Parker survey, to settle daily for all oil produced and sold, he to return the proportion due the companies. The Producers Company will not sell any oil, but will pay for oil used for fuel.

At Goose Creek four wells are drilling, all by the Producers Oil Company. One of these, Gaillard 2, near the discovery well, will be tested this week. It is about 1150 feet deep. The other three rigs are on the Isenhour, the Ashbel Smith and the Sweet tracts. The discovery well is making 30 to 50 barrels.

C. F. MOORE ILL AT MUSKOGEE.

C. F. Moore, well known in the Gulf Cosat and Mid-Continent oil regions, was taken sick with pneumonia at the Turner Hotel, Muskogee, Oklahoma, on Friday, January 8. Two days later his condition was considered serious and on January 14 he became delirious. A wire to Beaumont on January 18 reported him out of danger. Mrs. Moore is at his bedside. Mr. Moore was formerly assistant superintendent of the Gulf Pipe Line Company, and took an active part in the construction of the Gulf line from Tulsa to the coast. He has been operating for some time with W. B. Tucker and others on leases near Nowata, and is making headquarters at Muskogee.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT ON EIGHTY-CENT GAS.

Since May 1, 1906, the new state law fixing the price of gas in New York City at 80 cents per thousand feet has been the subject of litigation, and so far consumers, under protest, have paid $9,000,000 beyond the 80-cent charge. A few days ago the United States supreme court upheld the 80-cent law, thus reversing the United States circuit court, which held the price named to be confiscatory. Incidentally the supreme court decision, which was unanimous, has points of general interest on the subject of franchises. The court holds that the company, a consolidation of other companies, and virtually a monopoly, failed to show that the price named is confiscatory, but leaves this point open to actual further tests. In regard to good will as part of the basis for dividends the court said: "This is not a case for the valuation of good will. The complainant has, in fact, a substantial monopoly of the gas business in the City of New York, and those who wish to use the gas must take it from the complainant. In this case, as there is no possibility of competition, there should be no allowance for good will."

The court denied the right of the company to include in its reckoning an alleged increase of value in its franchises since the consolidation of the companies. In the judgment of the court this question was not before it. It would consider 6 per cent a fair return for the gas company in New York, and decided that gas may legally be supplied the city at 5 cents less per thousand cubic feet than is paid by individual consumers, but the provision calling for a stated pressure at all times is declared to be unconstitutional.

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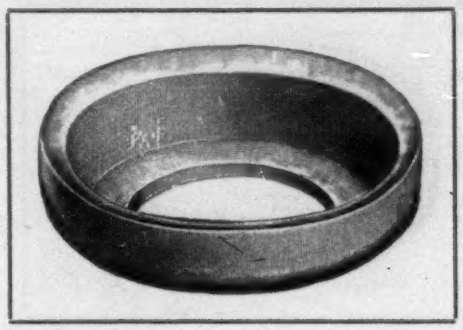

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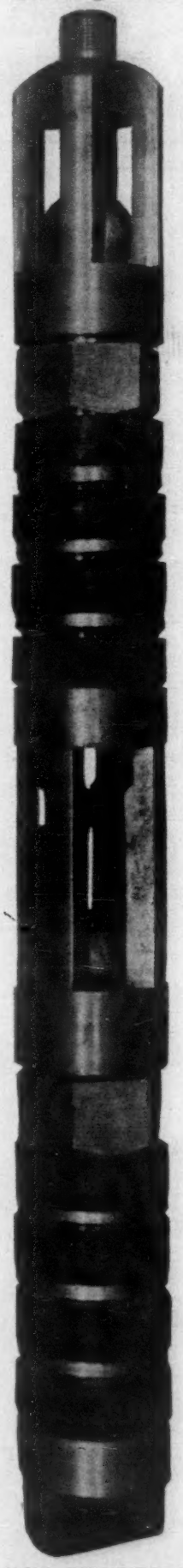

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